

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 27, 2004, the Examiner restricted claims 1-35. Specifically, the Examiner restricted the pending claims to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-8, 14-23, and 31, drawn to a torch, classified in class 431, subclass 345;

Group II: Claims 24-29, drawn to a torch butt, classified in class 431, subclass 345;

Group III: Claims 9-13, drawn to a method of manufacturing a torch classified in class 431, subclass 345;

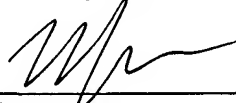
Group IV: Claim 30, drawn to a method of moving a lever, classified in class 431, subclass 2; and

Group V: Claims 32-35, drawn to a handle, classified in class 81, subclass 489.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction and the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-8, 14-23 and 31 of Group 1. Therefore, by the present Response, Applicants have canceled claims 9-13, 24-30 and 32-35 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-8, 14-23 and 31 will be pending in the present application. Respectfully, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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